

Please find below the tentative 7th annual International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Conference agenda, for **Friday, June 13, 2014 at the El Caribe Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico**. This conference is to be held one day prior to the CPDD and just before the NIDA International Forum. You can register for the InWomen conference and submit an abstract using the information provided below. The InWomen abstract due date is **January 17, 2014**.

**2014 International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Conference Agenda**

Friday, June 13, 2014, 10:00 to 17:30, El Caribe Hilton, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Conference Chair Remarks, **Wendee Wechsberg, PhD**, Director, RTI Global Gender Center and Substance Abuse Treatment Evaluations and Interventions

Panel Session I: Emerging Issues Regarding Addiction to Licit Drugs during Pregnancy

**Cheryl Oncken, MD**, Professor of Internal Medicine, UConn School of Medicine, UConn Health Center

*Cigarette Smoking-Fetal and Neonatal Effects*

**Jose Cordero, MD**, Professor of Pediatrics, Dean of the Graduate School of Public Health, University of Puerto Rico

*Alcohol Use in Pregnancy-Maternal and Fetal/Neonatal Effects*

**Loretta Finnegan, MD**, Finnegan Consulting, LLC

*Global Prescription Drug Abuse in Pregnant Women*

Discussant: **Tom McLellan, PhD**, Executive Director, Treatment Research Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Cultural Event

Plenary/Lunch Speaker to be Announced

Panel Session II: Global Perspectives on Women and Addiction

**Mona Al-Sawaf, MD**, Department of Psychiatry, King Fahad Hospital Jeddah

*Gender Differences and Perceptions of Drug Use in Saudi Arabia*

**Adrian Abagiu, MD**, Center for Integrated Services for Addiction, National Institute for Infectious Diseases, Romania and **Pavla Dolezalova, PhD**, Department of Addictology, Charles University in Prague

*Access to Treatment for Women in Eastern and Central Europe INSIGHT*

**Ian Ellasante, MA**, Southwest Institute for Research on Women, University of Arizona

*Assessing Sexual Orientation, Substance Abuse and HIV Risk Behavior among Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender (LBT) Women Living Along the US/Mexico Border*

Discussant: **Dionne Jones, PhD**, Services Research Branch Acting Chief, Division of Epidemiology, Services and Prevention Research, National Institute on Drug Abuse

Cultural Event

Poster Session

Closing Remarks



You can register for the InWomen conference at this URL:

<https://www.regonline.com/InWomens2014>

Please register at the highest level that you can afford. We are trying to make the InWomen conference - self-sustaining. -

\$150 Full Conference Fee Level (covers materials, meals and space rental fees) -

\$75 Reduced Conference Fee Level (relies on sponsor support) -

\$35 Developing Country and Student Fee Level -

If you have suggestions on conference sponsors, please email Wendee Wechsberg ([wmw@rti.org](mailto:wmw@rti.org)). -

See the announcement below to submit your abstract to the InWomen conference (**by Friday January 17, 2014**).

### **Call for Abstracts-**

#### **Submission Deadline Extended**

Abstracts are now being accepted for poster presentations at the 7th annual International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Group Conference. The deadline for abstract submission is **January 17th, 2014** at 11:59 pm EST USA and several merit-based travel awards for new investigators (not more than 7 years post their terminal degree if from a developed country) or any investigator from a Low-Income or Middle-Income Country (LAMI), no matter what their academic stage, are available.

**Conference registration is separate from the abstract submission process!**

**Who are we and what is our mission?** The International Women's and Children's Health and Gender group is a multidisciplinary forum that addresses all aspects of the consequences of substance use. Our group has over 200 members from over 35 countries around the world. Our forum members:

1. Share findings about the consequences of substance use, abuse and risk behaviors, and the benefits of prevention, intervention and treatment,
2. Maintain sensitivity to family, culture and equity within an international context,
3. Forge collaborations and research agendas, and
4. Identify additional activities to promote successful and empowering research with these vulnerable populations across the lifespan.

#### **Abstract Submission Guidelines:**

We are seeking abstracts in any area relevant to our mission statement. Abstracts are limited to 1,500 characters not including the title, names and affiliation of all authors, e-mail address for the corresponding author, keywords and statement of financial support. **If appropriate, you may submit the same abstract you previously submitted for the NIDA International Forum and the CPDD Annual Scientific Meeting, but please note that both the abstract submissions and the conference registrations are entirely separate.** Abstract is to be submitted via our submission website. The deadline for abstract submission is **January 17th, 2014 at 11:59 pm EST.**

**To submit an abstract to the InWomen conference COPY & PASTE this URL into your browser:**

**<https://formlogix.haifa.ac.il/Manager/UserForm9072.aspx?Param=VXNlcklkPTkwNzluRm9ybUlKPTE%3d>**

#### **Abstract Review, Notification and Travel Awards**

Abstracts will be reviewed by members of the InWomen organizing group and you will be notified if your abstract was selected and if you have been awarded a travel award via e-mail by **April 1st, 2014**. If your abstract is selected, guidelines for preparing your poster are identical to those of the NIDA International Forum poster session and can be found at this URL:

**<http://www.cvent.com/events/2014-nida-international-forum/custom-35-4e919d4581db42c09910ae799797b52e.aspx>**